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ASPHYXIATION BUT FROM UNKNOWN MANNER THE RESULT OF CORONER'S INVESTIGATION

Much Testimony is Given, But None That Throws Light on Means by Which Woman Came to Her Death---Dr. McKay Makes Interesting Statement--May Be Murder or Suicide.

TWO MEN AND A WOMAN SEEN ON BRIDGE ON SATURDAY NIGHT

Asphyxiation, but in an unknown manner, is in effect the verdict of the jury sitting in the coroner's inquest into the death of the woman who was found dead in the river halfway between here and Speers on last Sunday morning. Whether it was murder, or what is merely to be surmised, there being no conclusive evidence brought out at the inquest that would go to varl determining the exact means by which the woman came to her death. In the verdict the jury were governed largely by the testimony of Dr. Edwin McKay, who preformed the autopsy. Those on the jury were John Oates, foreman, S. T. Chester, Joe Davenport, John Shanton, S. K. Leonard and William Gween.

The verdict rendered after the hearing of the case, in it's entirety follows:

We, the jury find that this white female unknown came to her death from asphyxiation, but what caused the asphyxiation we are unable to determine.

The first witness called after the swearing of the jury was Louis Brusa. He stated that he sings at the Ideal theatre, Monorgahela, and on Saturday night, January 23, left on the 10:40 car for his home in Charleroi. He said that he had seen the woman on the car, and could recognize her positively as the same person by her coat and hat. He stated that there were with him two gentlemen from Pittsburg, but he did not know their names, having met them after he got on the car. Mr. Brusa stated that he did not know where the woman got on the car, but he was absolutely positive that it was the same one. He did not see anyone speak to her. When asked if he had seen anything peculiar in her actions, he answered, "I heard her muttering something, that sounded like "it would all be over.' " The woman was evidently intoxicated. Mr. Brusa stated that he left the car at Sixth street, Charleroi, and that the woman was still on when he got off.

The next witness called was S. B. Speakman, of North Charleroi, one of the men who found the woman in the water. He said that he and W. M. Gilmore had been going for a walk up the railroad tracks, and when in front of the "Sphar house," they stepped off the track to let a freight train pass, when they noticed something floating in the river. They were interested and went down to the water's edge, where they found it to be the body of a woman. He said that he held Gilmore, while the latter pulled the body, which was out 6 or 7 feet from the shore in about 18 inches of water, to the shore, and then both took hold and got it out. The arm was turned under the body, he said. Mr. Speakman was asked by Coroner Heffran about his actions on Saturday night, where he was, who with, etc., and the witness stated that he was in Charleroi with Gilmore, and had gone home about 10 o'clock. There were no arrangements made for a meeting with Gilmore the next morning.

W. M. Gilmore was not present, but Coroner Heffran had in his hands a sworn statement from him, which was in effect the same as that of Speakman.

George Sphar who lives near the place where the body was found testified that while he was in his barn on Sunday morning he heard a shout from the railroad and was told upon going out that there had been a body found. He went over and Speakman and Gilmore asked him to watch while they came to Charleroi for an undertaker. He called his brother to watch and then went to Speers for the coroner. He said the distance from the railroad from where the men stated they had seen the body was about 35 feet.

Abe McGowan, Supt. of Lock 4 stated that the upper gauge on Saturday morning at 8 o'clock was 11 feet 3 inches, and on Sunday morning at 8 o'clock was 12 feet 1 inch. He said the water would not spread over a foot at this point.

Mrs. M. V. Dessing who lives near the point where the body was found said that she had seen nothing until the Underakers were taking the body away, and that when she saw the body she at first thought it was that of a Mrs. Weber. She said that a few men were at the house on Saturday evening. A Mr. Oneil, John Atkins, and another fellow from Vesta, and Ed. Sheets and Dave Thirkel of Fayette city were named. She heard no noise, and went to bed at 12 o'clock.

Her husband was called and practically corroberated the testimony of his wife, but to the ones named that were at the house added one or two names, one that of John Sheets. He said they had been drinking and went to bed at 12 o'clock, some on the floor, and three in a bed. They were all there the next morning, he said.

Dr. Edwin McKay was called. He described the woman, then went on to say that there were no marks on the exterior of the body, except a slight skin abrasion, on the right temple, and the discolor of the tissues about the right eye. There was nothing to be found in the brain or skull to aid in the establishing of a cause of the death, no clots being found within the skull. The lungs were congested with dark blood. He said that the lungs floated easily, there being practically no fluid within the plural cavity. The large vessels were full of blood. The left cavity of the heart was empty and the right was full of blood. These conditions he said would indicate asphyxiation. The stomach was empty and slightly congested as from some mild irritant, and the vessels of the liver were congested with blood. The most probable conclusion from the above described conditions would be asphyxiation. This would include drowning he said but stated that the woman had not breathed water. Dr. McKay quoted from Dr. Caintel, a post mortem physician, of Philadelphia, who said that spasmodic arrest of respiration might cause death, and even that of going into cold water might have

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SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION HELD

Meeting in First Presbyterian Church Yesterday Afternoon and Evening

NEW RECORD ESTABLISHED

The Sunday School convention held yesterday in the First Presbyterian church here was well attended and interesting. The afternoon session was featured by the talks on the work among foreigners. At this session officers for the ensuing year were elected.

Those elected follows:

President, Joseph Kenyon; vice president, T. J. Allen; secretary, Miss Grace Gelder; superintendent home department, James Lilley; superintendent elementary work, Mrs. G. G. Kerr; superintendent teacher training, Prof. W. D. Wright; superintendent adult Bible class, Rev. J. T. Hackett, superintendent temperance department, Harry Gerring; superintendent, foreign work, Frank Villela.

Mr. Villela has the distinction of being the first superintendent of the foreign department in the state, this being a special department formed by the first district.

The evening program was taken up with interesting addresses, and music. The principal speaker of the evening was Mr. W. E. Forsythe, the state field secretary, of the Pennsylvania Sabbath school association. He spoke on "Organized Adult Bible Classes." Another out of town speaker was Rev. E. A. Cole of Washington.

CHARLEROI BEATS THE TEAM FROM DONORA

Charleroi defeated Donora last evening three games on the Colonial alleys. Piersol had high score with 204 and high average with 188 1-3. Score:

Charleroi.			
Davis	134		
J. Jones	155	161	176
Watt	168	169	151
Briggs	178	146	183
Piersol	181	204	180
Irose		138	
Rickey			134
	836	818	824
Donora.			
Mahoney	161	183	135
Maiden	131	158	150
Kelly	136	140	168
Foreman	150	157	135
McManus	144	148	171
	722	786	779

"Human Hearts"

"Human Hearts," the 'idyl' of the Arkansas Hills, will be produced at Monessen Opera House, Monday, Feb. 1st. Like Shore Acres, and the Old Homestead, time only increases its hold upon the hearts of the people. The prattle of an innocent child, the tears of an old blind mother, the strong love of a simple country girl, the truth of a half wit, the love of an old time negro, the passion of an adventuress and the tender memory of a dead mother of the past of the Governor of Arkansas, are all cleverly intermingled by the deft hand of the author of this absorbing tale of the Arkansas Hills. Each succeeding season of this thrilling play's annually increasing business, has induced the management to engage for this season's production one of the strongest companies ever organized in one cast. To the lovers of a good play, not one on the list this season will appeal more strongly than "Human Hearts." Prices, 25, 35, 50, 75c. Seats on sale at Rinehart's Confectionery store, Donner avenue. Phone 134-R.

Cooper.

Wesley Cooper aged 16 months of Dunlevy died at 5:45 o'clock this morning of pneumonia. The funeral will be held at 10 o'clock Monday morning. Interment in the Gilmore cemetery. The boy is a son of Mr. and Mrs. William Cooper.

Identity May Be Learned

Description of Woman Found Sunday Fits Perfectly That of Mrs. Jennie Skiles of East Liverpool

DISAPPEARED ON JAN. 19

Fitting in every particular except two which might be mistaken, is the description of Mrs. Jennie Skiles of East Liverpool, Ohio, to that of the woman found in the river here on Sunday morning. It is thought very possible that this may be the person, whose identity up until this time has been unknown. Mrs. Skiles disappeared from home on the nineteenth of January, and has been missing ever since. It was through the efforts of Chief of Police Albright and the Mail that connection was established.

This morning Mr. Albright received a letter from B. O. Fair of Beaver Falls. The letter in it's entirety follows:

Chief of Police,
Charleroi, Pa.

Dear Sir--

A certain girl is missing from East Liverpool, Ohio. Description as follows: 5 foot tall, age 26 years, black hair, dark eyes, weight about 110, well built, nice form, short stumpy thumbs, gold front tooth on right side, had a sore on back of right hand, and a sore place on the right arm. Very fair complexion, small foot, 3 1-2 shoe. If this is the girl found let me know, if you have a photo of the girl please forward and will return it.

Yours truly
B. O. Fair,
Beaver Falls, Pa.

Mr. Albright furnished the Mail with a copy of the letter and a message was sent to Mr. Fair in the Chief's name, in the hope of getting further information on the matter. The following is the wire received this afternoon.

Name, Mrs. Jennie Skiles. Last seen January nineteenth. Will be up tomorrow.

B. O. Fair.

As will be seen by the description above, it fits in every particular with the exception of the two sores, one on the back of the hand and the other on the arm. These according to Dr. McKay might have become healed. The question is however could they become healed in this time. A photograph of the women found here has been sent to Mr. Fair, and he will likely receive it this evening.

If it is proved that this is the woman he is searching for he will come at once. It is probable that he will come to Charleroi Sunday, anyhow, as he states in his message.

JURY FINDS DEATH DUE TO SUICIDE

The coroner's jury called to investigate the cause of death of J. H. Huffman, who was found dead in his home in Amwell township last Monday, yesterday returned a verdict that the deceased had come to his death by his own hand.

It was thought that some light would be thrown on the suicide by a note found in the dead man's pocket which read, "George Dawson is responsible for this," but the jury would not connect Mr. Dawson in any way with the deed. Mr. Dawson was on the stand and when shown the note left by Huffman could not explain why the deceased should have written it.

He said that his relation with Mr. Huffman had always been pleasant and in a business sense. He stated that he had not seen Mr. Huffman since January 17, and then only spoke a few words to him. Dawson's testimony did not throw any light on the tragedy.

The coroner's jury was composed of H. H. Long, Louis Heiner, F. McCartney, Eli Ross, I. H. Taylor and L. W. Baumgarner.

Mrs. Harry Nigle has left for Cleveland, Ohio, for a visit with friends.

ATTORNEYS MEET YESTERDAY WITH THE WATER COMPANY

SUNDAY SERVICES AT THE CHURCHES

Baptist.

Sunday school at 9:45 a. m. Morning worship at 11 a. m. Subject, "As For Me and My House we Will Serve the Lord." Evening service 7:30. The pulpit will be filled by Prof. Andrew Crawford of Pittsburg, with a temperance sermon.

Washington Avenue Presbyterian.

Services in the morning at 11 o'clock. Rev. Kerr the pastor will speak on the subject, "A Big Little Man." Sunday school at 9:45. Junior Christian Endeavor at 2:30, Senior Christian Endeavor at 6:30. In the evening at 7:30 o'clock there will be present a representative of the Anti-Saloon league of Pennsylvania, who will give an address.

On Wednesday evening Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Carter, the singing evangelists, who were here last fall will be here for an evangelistic song service.

First Presbyterian

At 11 o'clock Sunday morning Prof. John A. Wilson a representative of the Pennsylvania Anti-Saloon league will be present and speak on the principals of the league. Other services as usual. Tomorrow the offering for the Synodical aid will be brought in.

Episcopal.

8 a. m. celebration of the holy communion. 9:45 a. m. Sunday school and Bible class. 11 a. m. morning prayer, anti-communion service and sermon, subject, "Inequality in the Lap of Life." Evening prayer and sermon at 7:30 p. m, subject, "Spiritual Interest Real and Supreme."

Lutheran

Trust Company building, entrance Fallowfield avenue. Sunday school at 9:45 a. m. Divine worship at 11 o'clock with sermon by the pastor, Rev. Frontz. Junior Luther league at 2 p. m. Luther league at 6:30 p. m., subject, "Mission Work in Guntur, India." Leader, Robert S. Allen. At the evening service at 7:30 p. m. the Rev. Mr. Hutchinson, representative of the Anti-Saloon leauge will preach. A cordial welcome to all.

The closing services of the evangelistic campaign which has been in progress during the past three weeks, at the Christian church will be held tomorrw. The series of meetings now being brought to a close is among the most successful in the churches history. Owing to the failure of the evangelist, Rev. P. O. Updike to be able to conduct the meeting, the work fell to Rev. Boblitt. The able assistance of Mr. Clarence Hunter as leader of song has contributed much to the success of the meetings.

Tomorrow the sermon themes will be morning, "The Church in Action," and evening, "Immortality."

At the Baptist church where Rev. J. A. Cherney of Monessen has been hodling evangelistic services there were six confessions. Rev. Cherney spoke on, "Almost Persuaded," and it was a very interesting sermon.

Mrs. C. B. Kappes has left for Cleveland, Ohio, where she will visit her mother for a short time.

Messrs. McCloskey and Gibson in Pittsburg Yesterday Afternoon for Conference

WILL MEAN SETTLEMENT

Report Will Be Made to Council When Final Action Will Be Taken

Yesterday at the Mellon National bank, Pittsburg, the meeting of the attorneys of the Borough of Charleroi, D. M. McCloskey and Carl Gibson with Mr. Mellon, the president of the Water company and the attorneys, Robert Irwin of Washington, and Mr. Gordon of Pittsburg was held. Supt. Pollock and T. Chester, the chief engigneer were also present. Everything it is stated was practically settled although the Water company kicked at most every turn. The matter will have to be presented to council however, for their agreement before final passing upon.

The meeting convened at 2 o'clock, and continued nearly all afternoon. Every phase of the water question, as has heretofore been published in the Mail was taken up, and thoroughly discussed. There were several things upon the Water company could not entirely agree, but it is thought that differences will be adjusted when the report is made to council.

The compromise, which it is probable will be effected gives Charleroi a filteration plant, the cost of which the company states will be about $100,000. An extention of franchise is granted.

DISTRICT TURN FEST TO BE HELD SUNDAY

The district turn fest of the Pittsburg Turner Society will be held in Monongahela on Sunday next, at which time between 200 and 300 active Turners will be present. At this meeting the various movements to be executed at the national gymnastic festival, to be held in Cincinnati from June 23 to 27 inclusive, will be practised under the various instructors of the different societies of the district.

CADETS TO ATTEND SERVICES AT MONESSEN

Special services will be conducted by the Christian church Sunday evening for the young men. The Charleroi cadets have accepted an invitation from the Monessen Sunday school cadets to attend these services with them. Both companies will attend in uniform. Rev. Norman W. Phillips will preach a sermon suited especially for young men and a fine discourse is looked forward to. Special music has been arranged for. The young men of town are especially invited to attend this service which begins at 7:30 o'clock at the Star theatre.—Monessen Independent.

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Jan. 30 In History.

1775—Walter Savage Landor English author, born; died 1864.

1880—Gilbert Haven, bishop of the Methodist Episcopal church, died in Malden, Mass.; born there 1821.

1906—Frederick VIII, eldest son of the deceased ruler of Denmark proclaimed king.

ASTRONOMICAL EVENTS.

Sun sets 5:11, rises 7.07; moon sets 3:28 a. m.; 12 noon today, planets Uranus and Venus in conjunction, Venus only one-third degree north of Uranus; 3 a. m., planet Mercury at perihelion, nearest the sun.

Jan. 31 In History.

1574—Ben Johnson born; died 1637.

1732—Gouverneur Morris, statesman, born; died 1816.

1849—Abolition of the corn laws in England and inauguration of British free trade.

1905—Czar Nicholas granted audience to delegations of Russian workmen and promised reforms in their interests.

ASTRONOMICAL EVENTS

Sun sets 5:12, rises 7.06; moon sets 4:2 a. m.

GOOD EVENING.

The true purpose of education is to cherish and unfold the seed of immortality already sown within us.—Mrs. Jameson.

Bentley's Trolley Bill.

We are glad that Representative C. A. Bentley of this county is interested in the movement for improvements along the trolley systems, and hope that his efforts are crowned with success. The interurban systems are not what they should be, and the only advantages that we have from them are that they are slightly cheaper for a trip than the railroads are, and the schedule is so arranged that at any hour almost a person can leave on a distant trip. But the equipment is lacking in Pennsylvania in some places and the legislature should put a bill through that will make this state in this one matter at least an equal of our next door neighbor. One of the things which the interurban systems should have is the toilet compartment. This is one of the late additions of many lines, and the companies profit thereby. In Ohio, and Indiana they have interurban service that is in the most approved style. There the system is considerably superior to the local and the people appreciate their advantages accordingly. The cars have both ladies' and gentlemen's ocmpartments, the latter for smoking, and have toilet rooms. The service is as quick if not quicker than the train, the large cars being pulled at a high rate of speed.

It is to be hoped that the bill prepared by Mr. Bentley is put through. It will mean better cars for this section, and that is one of the things that we are after at the present time. Another important matter in this bill is that of the terminal stations.

Electric Sparks

Next week the ground hog will emerge from his hole and proclaim to the world just what is going to happen in the way of weather for the following six weeks. It is the first harbinger of spring and is eagerly looked for.—Ex. Yes but how do we know he has ever been in his hole.

Fayette county jail officials are in a nasty mess if charges brought against them are true. if they are innocent they should prove the allegations false and push the "allegator."

The man at Brownsville who got his feet burnt badly by sleeping with his tootsies in the fire, evidently wanted to guard against contracting cold feet.

Repesentative Bentley's bill to have better service on the various trolley roads in the state of Pennsylvani is worthy of passage. After all of the Washington, Pa., newspaper talk, we find that there is one in the State body who is there for our best interests.

There is one day in the year that florists prepare especially for, and that is McKinley Day. The carnations worn yesterday is ample evidence of the fact that there are lots of admirers of the martyred president.

Man has trunk full of love letters—News Items. Yes but that's no sensation; wait until they're read.

The inimical operatic and newspaper gangs in New York that are seeking notoriety through tri-weekly slugging exhibitions in public places should be sent to some convenient workhouse and forced to pound each other in private until all are as sick of it as the public row is.

Tools to get the American battleship through the Suez Canal are stated to have been $180,000. That looks high; but when the Japanese fleet starts to capture all our Atlantic Coast cities we will not let it through the Panama Canal for a cent less.

Jeff Davis of Arkansas foresees civil war and a revolution in 10 years unless the trusts and corporations are forced to be good. At any rate, that is a little change from the Hobson war scare.

On January 1 there were in the United States 20,640,000 horses valued at $1,974,000,000. Who said the automobile was going to shove the horse off the earth?

The city clerk of Buffalo has refused to give a woman a license to wed until she tells how old she is. And her name is Ann!

Remember, however, that Mr. Carnegie, in his generosity, does not require that his name shall appear in light letters on every volume in each of those libraries.

George Ade appproves of Berlin. This will make the Kaiser feel better.

Maybe I Was.

When I see a youth with his pan's
turned up and his beautiful
socks on view.
And over one eye perched a little,
round hat, with a ribbon of
mauve or blue,
And with fourteen rings and seven
pins that he got at his dear
prep school,
Why, it strikes a chord, and I say:
"Oh, Lord, was I ever that big
a fool?"

When I see a youth with has gloves
turned down and a cigarette
stuck in his face,
And a loud check coat and a horsecloth vest and a half an inch
wide shoe lace,
And a bunch of hair that hides his
ears, and a line of senseless
droll,
Then I paw the sward, as I say: "Oh.
Lord was I ever that big a
fool?"

—The Daily Princeton.

Comedy of Errors.

A certain man from near Webster came to Donora and had some dental work done by one of our local dentists. Some time afterward the wife came to Donora apparently not knowing who did the work for she went in to another dentist and said, "My husband owes you two dollars." The dentist in question said he didn't exactly know how it was, but was not going to pass up two bones for anyone. He gave a receipt.

At still a later date the man who had the dental work done, noticing that the receipt was not from his dentist, come over to Donora and demanded the two dollars from still another dentist who was ignorant of the whole affair. He said he wanted his money but this dentist informed him he must surely be crazy for he owed him no money. What's the answer, or how would you like to have two dollars of your money doing the "loop the loop?"—News.

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that effect. He said that a person does not inhale water always when drowned. When asked if chloroform might not cause the same effect, Dr. McKay answered that the conditions would be practically the same, but went on to say that it was most likely that if chloroform had been administered, there would have been some marks about the mouth. The blow which had evidently been received on the eye, he said, would have been sufficient to cause the woman to be stunned.

Nicholas Yost, the street car conductor on the car which left Monongahela on Saturday night at 10:40 o'clock, was called to the stand. He said that the woman had got on the car at Second street Monongahela, and that an escort put her on. He didn't get to see anything but the latter's arm. The woman left the car at Fifth street, Charleroi. He thought that she was intoxicated but did not pay much attention to her. There was no one with her, and he did not see anyone speaking to her. He noticed the two men and Louis Brusa, and said that he had to caution the two men about drinking in the car. In his testimony he established no associations between these men and the woman. She had a white handkerchief, but he did not notice any jewelry or pocketbook.

Miss Katherine Collins of Speers, who lives with her mother near the bridge stated that she with her brother went home on the 12:15 car Saturday night and noticed as she was walking from the car to her home, two men and a woman on the bridge. She was going to bed when she heard a scream of a woman evidently in "pain and fear," followed by a muffled scream shortly after. She said little attention was paid to it on account of the usual Saturday night noises of the bridge.

Miss Collins' mother practically corroborated the statement of her daughter but said that before her dauhgter came home she heard talking and walking on the bridge.

Chief of Police Albright of Charleroi stated that he had examined the scene of where the body was found with the two men who found it, but could learn nothing. He said that he had watched both Mr. Speakman and Mr. Gilmore, and was positive from their actions that they knew nothing more than what they had told heretofore.

Phillip Boller, who is in charge of the Belle Vernon detachment of State Police was called, but added nothing to the testimony given before. He said that he had made examinations but had learned very little of the case as yet.

Coroner Heffran reviewed very briefly the evidence to the jury, after which they adjourned to reach a decision. It took them about a half an hour. Investigations will be continued to if possible learn the manner in which the woman came to her death, and if murdered locate the guilty one. Many hold to the opinion that it was suicide.

Thomas Lynch of Monongahela was a caller at the home of Miss Berringer of Eighth street last night.

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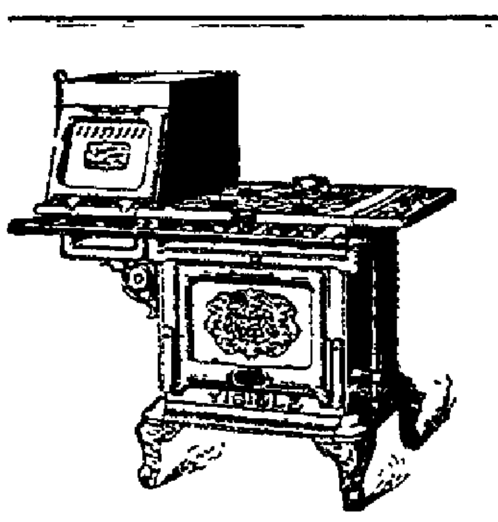

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SIRES AND SONS.

George H. Williams is the sole surviving member of President Grant's cabinet. He is eighty-five years old.

Edward Peters, said to be the oldest policeman in the United States, is on duty in Sioux park, Iowa, at the age of ninety-four.

Thomas Clifford, doorman at the Hotel Plaza, New York, has just bought $12,000 in bonds of the hotel that employs him, the investment representing his tips.

General Thomas H. Hubbard, the newly elected president of the Peary Arctic club, New York, has long been an active figure in arctic exploration. He takes the place of the late Morris K. Jesup.

Lord Redesdale is a landscape gardener of great taste, as his beautiful gardens at Batsford, in Gloucestershire, prove, and he has several times advised King Edward when alterations to the gardens at Buckingham palace and Windsor have been made.

Rear Admiral Evans is an expert with knitting and crochet needles, and his embroidery is said to be as wonderful and varied as is his vocabulary. Some of his most intimate friends have been favored with gifts, the product of his skill at embroidery, which they naturally treasure very highly.

George Barry McMillan, a graduate of the University of South Africa and of the Elsenberg Agricultural college, will enter the University of California with the freshmen class next fall as the first representative to the United States from Cape Colony. He is being sent by the Cape government to study agriculture.

Things Theatrical.

Billie Burke will end her American season by next Easter.

Henry B. Irving is to have a new play, by Alfred Sutro.

It is said that Marie Dressler, as her own manager, is to produce a new musical play in London in the fall.

Harry Connor is to be the principal comedian in "The Girl of Wall Street," of which Blanche Ring is to be the star.

De Wolf Hopper will appear next season in a new musical comedy called "What Happened Then," by Austin Strong.

Church and Clergy.

A number of Americans will attend the continental Baptist congress at Berlin Aug 27 to Sept 3

The Indiana bureau of statistics has found 6,239 houses of worship in that state, the value of church property being $24,628,001.

Archbishop Langevin, the head of the Catholic church of western Canada, who is seriously ill with diabetes, has gone to France to consult a specialist.

Ten years ago Canon Allen-Edwards in south London started at All Saints' a 5.30 a. m. service for workingmen, it lasting but twenty minutes, and the church is filled almost every morning

Bishop Riley of Western Australia says that during his first trip into the interior of that country, which lasted a month, he never washed his face because there was no water for that purpose and often none for drinking

Industrial Items.

In the manufacture of cotton goods Germany holds third place, being exceeded only by Great Britain and the United States.

Out of a total of 307,157 workers in clothing factories in Great Britain 197,320 are women, the female tailors numbering 46,072 to 13,984 men

New England pulp mill interests in conjunction with western railways, are taking steps for the establishment of factories in the southwest for the manufacture of pulp for paper from rice straw.

Amherst, N. S., is supplied with electric power and light generated from the waste products of a coal mine. This is in accordance with Mr. Edison's prophecy that the future site of electric generation would be at the pit's mouth.

Mexican Rapid Transit.

The queerest mode of travel I saw in all Mexico was that adopted by a woman who was on her way to the doctor, seated complacently in a chair borne on the back of a man. Some Mexican women are afraid even of the mule cars, while they look upon the rapidly spinning trolley with such trembling of knees they cannot be persuaded to put foot upon it. Unable to pay coach hire, they employ the human carrier at a few cents for each trip.—Travel Magazine.

A MODERN MACAULAY.

Wonderful Memory of an Old Time Missouri Lawyer.

One of the most picturesque of the early lawyers of Missouri was Billy Campbell, who came from Virginia in 1829 and opened an office in St. Charles. He was a man of great ability, a classic scholar, an orator and a political writer of unusual power. But he was indolent, careless about collecting and spending money and so lazy that physical exertion of any kind was positively painful to him He had a most remarkable memory, as proved by the following incident: Campbell, who was a Whig, represented his district in the state senate several years. On one occasion he was lying on a bench in the senate chamber, apparently sleeping, when the Democratic members came in to hold a caucus. They attempted to arouse him, but he appeared so soundly asleep that they decided to let him alone. The next day a complete report of the proceedings of the caucus, including a verbatim copy of the resolutions adopted, was published in the St. Louis Republican. A row followed, and the secretary was charged with having been bribed to report the proceedings of the caucus. After the excitement died down somewhat Campbell admitted that he had been awake all the time and that he had done the reportorial work entirely from memory.—Kansas City Star.

A MUFF BED.

Surprise of a Man Who Thought It Had to Do With Sleep.

A man who saw on a sign the words "muff beds" and imagined that a muff bed must be something to sleep in, a brother or cousin or other more or less distant relative of the sleeping bag, such as explorers carry with them, found upon inquiry that his imagination had carried him very far from the truth; that the muff bed is in fact not a bed at all, but is the trade name for the inner part of a muff, the body of the muff—in short, the part you put your hands in.

The muff bed consists of a double walled bag made in cylindrical or other shape, according to the style of muff, and then stuffed with down, the quality and quantity of the down depending on the character of the muff.

The making of muff beds is a business by itself. Some of them are sold to the furriers in the simplest form, just the bed or bag stuffed with down, the furrier putting in the silk or satin lining when he puts on the fur. Others are made with the silk or satin inner lining attached, to be finished up when the fur is put on. There is at least one concern in New York that makes a specialty of muff beds and turns out many thousands of them annually.—New York Sun.

Wanted a Rebate.

In a rural community in one of the middle states dwelt a man who made a vow in 1856 that he would wear his hair and beard untrimmed until John C. Fremont should be elected president of the United States. He kept that vow for forty years, at the end of which time he had nearly a half bushel of hair on his head and face. Then, coming to the conclusion, toward which his mind had been gradually working for a long time, that General Fremont's death in the interval had practically absolved him from his vow, he decided to have his hair cut and his beard shaved off clean. On his next visit to the county seat he went to a barber shop and was soon relieved of the hirsute burden he had carried for four decades.

"How much?" he asked.

"Have to charge you half a dollar for that job," said the barber, looking at the mass that lay on the floor.

"Half a dollar!" he gasped. "Don't I get anything for the hair?"

The Actor and the Critic.

One of the near comedians who always affect to be entirely careless of newspaper criticism recently struck from his list of bowing acquaintances a critic noted for his candor. The player met the writer and a friend while crossing a park square and exchanged a few words of greeting and as he passed on heard this conversation:

"Who was that?"

"Oh, that is L., the actor!"

"He does not look much like an actor off the stage."

"Still less when he's on the stage," returned the critic.—Argonaut.

On New England Tombstones.

There were several epitaphs which fascinated you for awhile, epitaphs like that of "Solon Tyndall, Killed by a Fall from the Main topsail Yard of the Bark Amazon, in the Harbor of Buenos Aires on March 12, 1850:

"He as a seaman did his duty well,
But his foot slipped, and from aloft he fell—
Fell, but to rise and climb the shrouds on high
And greet his Master with a glad 'Aye, aye!'"

Or that which recorded the fate of "Absalom Peters, Shot in the Creek by the Explosion of his own Gun."—Collier's Weekly.

A Scramble.

"All the world's a stage."

"What of it?"

"I was just thinking that the cast is so large that nobody gets much of a chance at the spot light."—Philadelphia Bulletin.

His Weak Point.

The Stage Manager—He can play "drunken parts" better than any man on the stage. The Business Manager—Yes, but he's too fond of rehearsing.—Illustrated Bits.

Fortune brings in some boats that are not steered.—Shakespeare.

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Surprise Friend.

Mrs. John O'Connor of Prospect avenue was agreeably surprised last evening when thirty members of the L. C. B. A appeared at her home to extend congratulations, it being her fiftieth birthday. The time was spent in euchre, post card games and music. A delicious lunch was served. The ladies who assisted the hostess in serving were Mrs. Chas. Finkbeiner, Mrs. John Mains and Miss Anna Barret.

Makes the Twenty-Second.

Yesterday there was born to Mr. and Mrs John Kramer of Monessen a daughter. This is the 22nd child, 19 of whom are living.

He Had It.

He is a kindly and ambitious clerk in a shop, eager to please, but with limitations. He has a memory for the wants of his customers which to that extent is excellent, but it has small regard for minor details whose accuracy does not affect business, and his customers are tolerant.

Some time ago when the talk of denatured alcohol was considerable a customer asked him for some, but he said that the proprietor had not yet placed any in stock. When the same customer was in the store on another errand he beamingly exclaimed:

"Oh, Mrs. Blank! we've got some of that good natured alcohol now if you want it."

Evolution of the Squaw.

The fair visitor stopped in front of Chief Umbrella's tent.

"And are you a real Indian?" ventured the visitor, timidly.

"Um, yes," grunted Chief Umbrella, as he puffed his long pipe.

"Well—er—is it true that the red man makes the squaw do all the work?"

"Um, no. Used to, lady. Now squaw come from college, wear feathers instead of husband and make husband do all work and mind papoose. Education bad thing for poor red man, lady."

Start a New Paper.

"I have often wondered," said the Idiot to the Publisher, "why you fellows have never started a magazine called Rumor. It would be a corking success."

"I fail to see why," returned the Publisher

"Because Rumor circulates rapidly and extensively," said the Idiot

"And what would you have in it?" asked the Publisher

"That's just the point," said the Idiot. "You needn't have anything in it. The less there is in a Rumor the greater will be its circulation."—John Kendrick Bangs, in Broadway Magazine.

Stomach Self-Protecting.

The reason why the stomach and intestines do not digest themselves was once thought by Weinland, a German experimenter, to be that they defend themselves by anti-enzymes, or anti-ferments. Dr. Nandor Klug of Budapest now reports these anti-ferments not to be found, but that the mucin present in the inner half of the gastric mucous membrane resists the digestive action of the trypsin and the gastric juice. The digestive organs, therefore, protect themselves by the mucin they secrete.

A Matter for Reflection.

"The editor of my paper," declared the newspaper business manager, to a little coterie of friends in his office "is a peculiar genius Why, would you believe it, when he draws his weekly salary he keeps out only one dollar for spending money and sends the rest to his wife in Indianapolis'"

His listeners—with one exception—gave vent to loud murmurs of wonder and admiration This exception sat silent gazing reflectively at the ceiling

"I know it sounds thin," added the speaker, addressing the reflective friend "but it is true, nevertheless"

"Oh, I don't doubt it at all!" quickly rejoined the exception, "only I was wondering what he does with the dollar!"—Illustrated Sunday Magazine.

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All men are created equal, but they don't remain so asserts a writer in the Cleveland Leader. Some raise themselves above the ruck by their minds, others by their goodness, a third set by their services to the state. The individual character and the individual energy make for uplifts in a thousand different ways And when these qualities descend, from generation to generation, growing like a rolling snowball, there naturally comes a class of men and women that can be called, with all propriety, "our best people" There's an aristocracy of intellect, of good breeding, of lofty purposes, of humanitarianism, of love of country and home, of the spirit that strives and the power that conquers. Men and women of wealth belong to it by virtue of themselves, not their treasures. But the cheap, vulgar, shallow people who have money and money alone, and those still cheaper people who mimic them as far as possible, think that "our best people" are only those who have great wealth and who spend it with a brass band accompaniment.

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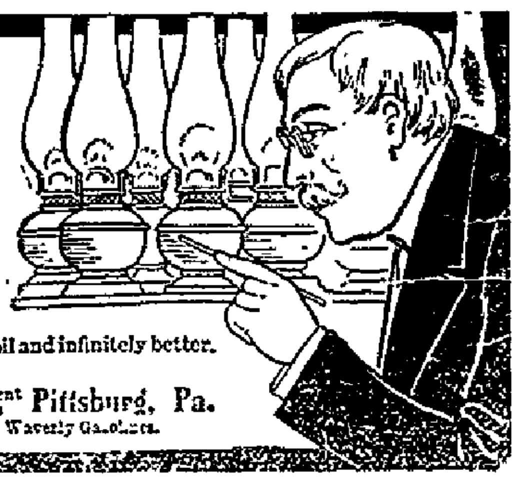

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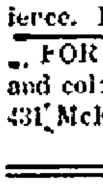

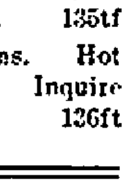

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TWO MEN AND A WOMAN SEEN ON BRIDGE ON SATURDAY NIGHT

Asphyxiation, but in an unknown manner, is in effect the verdict of the jury sitting in the coroner's inquest into the death of the woman who was found dead in the river halfway between here and Speers on last Sunday morning. Whether it was murder, or what is merely to be surmised, there being no conclusive evidence brought out at the inquest that would go toward determining the exact means by which the woman came to her death. In the verdict the jury were governed largely by the testimony of Dr. Edwin McKay, who preformed the autopsy. Those on the jury were John Oates, foreman, S. T. Chester, Joe Davenport, John Shanton, S. K. Leonard and William Gween.

The verdict rendered after the hearing of the case, in it's entirety follows:

We, the jury find that this white female unknown came to her death from asphyxiation, but what caused the asphyxiation we are unable to determine.

The first witness called after the swearing of the jury was Louis Brusa. He stated that he sings at the Ideal theatre, Monongahela, and on Saturday night, January 23, left on the 10:40 car for his home in Charleroi. He said that he had seen the woman on the car, and could recognize her positively as the same person by her coat and hat. He stated that there were with him two gentlemen from Pittsburg, but he did not know their names, having met them after he got on the car. Mr. Brusa stated that he did not know where the woman got on the car, but he was absolutely positive that it was the same one. He did not see anyone speak to her. When asked if he had seen anything peculiar in her actions, he answered, "I heard her muttering something, that sounded like "it would all be over.'" The woman was evidently intoxicated. Mr. Brusa stated that he left the car at Sixth street, Charleroi, and that the woman was still on when he got off.

The next witness called was S. B. Speakman, of North Charleroi, one of the men who found the woman in the water. He said that he and W. M. Gilmore had been going for a walk up the railroad tracks, and when in front of the "Sphar house," they stepped off the track to let a freight train pass, when they noticed something floating in the river. They were interested and went down to the water's edge, where they found it to be the body of a woman. He said that he held Gilmore, while the latter pulled the body, which was out 6 or 7 feet from the shore in about 18 inches of water, to the shore, and then both took hold and got it out. The arm was turned under the body, he said. Mr. Speakman was asked by Coroner Heffran about his actions on Saturday night, where he was, who with, etc., and the witness stated that he was in Charleroi with Gilmore, and had gone home about 10 o'clock. There were no arrangements made for a meeting with Gilmore the next morning.

W. M. Gilmore was not present, but Coroner Heffran had in his hands a sworn statement from him, which was in effect the same as that of Speakman.

George Sphar who lives near the place where the body was found testified that while he was in his barn on Sunday morning he heard a shout from the railroad and was told upon going out that there had been a body found. He went over and Speakman and Gilmore asked him to watch while they came to Charleroi for an undertaker. He called his brother to watch and then went to Speers for the coroner. He said the distance from the railroad from where the men stated they had seen the body was about 25 feet.

Abe McGowan, Supt. of Lock 4 stated that the upper gauge on Saturday morning at 8 o'clock was 11 feet 8 inches, and on Sunday morning at 8 o'clock was 12 feet 1 inch. He said the water would not spread over a foot at this point.

Mrs. M. V. Dussing who lives near the point where the body was found said that she had seen nothing until the Undertakers were taking the body away, and that when she saw the body she at first thought it was that of a Mrs. Weber. She said that a few men were at the house on Saturday evening. A Mr. Oneil, John Atkins, and another fellow from Vesta, and Ed. Sheets and Dave Thirkel of Fayette city were named. She heard no noise, and went to bed at 12 o'clock.

Her husband was called and practically corroberated the testimony of his wife, but to the ones named that were at the house added one or two names, one that of John Sheets. He said they had been drinking and went to bed at 12 o'clock, some on the floor, and three in a bed. They were all there the next morning, he said.

Dr. Edwin McKay was called. He described the woman, then went on to say that there were no marks on the exterior of the body, except a slight skin abrasion, on the right temple, and the discolor of the tissues about the right eye. There was nothing to be found in the brain or skull to aid in the establishing of a cause of the death, no clots being found within the skull. The lungs were congested with dark blood. He said that the lungs floated easily, there being practically no fluid within the plural cavity. The large vessels were full of blood. The left cavity of the heart was empty and the right was full of blood. These conditions he said would indicate asphyxiation. The stomach was empty and slightly congested as from some mild irritant, and the vessels of the liver were congested with blood. The most probable conclusion from the above described conditions would be asphyxiation. This would include drowning he said but stated that the woman had not breathed water. Dr. McKay quoted from Dr. Caintel, a post mortem physician, of Philadelphia, who said that spasmodic arrest of respiration might cause death, and even that of going into cold water might have

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SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION HELD

Meeting in First Presbyterian Church Yesterday Afternoon and Evening

NEW RECORD ESTABLISHED

The Sunday School convention held yesterday in the First Presbyterian church here was well attended and interesting. The afternoon session was featured by the talks on the work among foreigners. At this session officers for the ensuing year were elected.

Those elected follows:

President, Joseph Kenyon; vice president, T. J. Allen; secretary, Miss Grace Gelder; superintendent home department, James Lilley; superintendent elementary work, Mrs. G. G. Kerr; superintendent teacher training, Prof. W. D. Wright; superintendent adult Bible class, Rev. J. T. Hackett, superintendent temperance department, Harry Gerring; superintendent, foreign work, Frank Villela.

Mr. Villela has the distinction of being the first superintendent of the foreign department in the state, this being a special department formed by the first district.

The evening program was taken up with interesting addresses, and music. The principal speaker of the evening was Mr. W. E. Forsythe, the state field secretary, of the Pennsylvania Sabbath school association. He spoke on "Organized Adult Bible Classes." Another out of town speaker was Rev. E. A. Cole of Washington.

CHARLEROI BEATS THE TEAM FROM DONORA

Charleroi defeated Donora last evening three games on the Colonial alleys. Piersol had high score with 204 and high average with 188 1-3. Score:

Charleroi.			
Davis	134		
J. Jones	153	161	176
Watt	168	169	151
Briggs	178	146	183
Piersol	181	204	180
Irose		138	
Rickey			134
	836	818	824
Donora.			
Mahoney	161	153	135
Maiden	131	158	170
Kelly	136	140	168
Foreman	159	137	135
McManus	144	148	171
	722	736	779

"Human Hearts"

"Human Hearts," the 'idyl' of the Arkansas Hills, will be produced at Monessen Opera House, Monday, Feb. 1st. Like Shore Acres, and the Old Homestead, time only increases its hold upon the hearts of the people. The prattle of an innocent child, the tears of an old blind mother, the strong love of a simple country girl, the truth of a half wit, the love of an old time negro, the passion of an adventuress and the tender memory of a dead mother of the past of the Governor of Arkansas, are all cleverly intermingled by the deft hand of the author of this absorbing tale of the Arkansas Hills. Each succeeding season of this thrilling play's annually increasing business, has induced the management to engage for this season's production one of the strongest companies ever organized in one cast. To the lovers of a good play, not one on the list this season will appeal more strongly than "Human Hearts." Prices, 25, 35,50, 75c. Seats on sale at Rinehart's Confectionery store, Donner avenue. Phone 134-R.

Cooper.

Wesley Cooper aged 16 months of Dunlevy died at 3:45 o'clock this morning of pneumonia. The funeral will be held at 10 o'clock Monday morning. Interment in the Gilmore cemetery. The boy is a son of Mr. and Mrs. William Cooper.

Identity May Be Learned

Description of Woman Found Sunday Fits Perfectly That of Mrs. Jennie Skiles of East Liverpool

DISAPPEARED ON JAN. 19

Fitting in every particular except two which might be mistaken, is the description of Mrs. Jennie Skiles of East Liverpool, Ohio, to that of the woman found in the river here on Sunday morning. It is thought very possible that this may be the person, whose identity up until this time has been unknown. Mrs. Skiles disappeared from home on the nineteenth of January, and has been missing ever since. It was through the efforts of Chief of Police Albright and the Mail that connection was established.

This morning Mr. Albright received a letter from B. O. Fair of Beaver Falls. The letter in it's entirety follows:

Chief of Police,
Charleroi, Pa.

Dear Sir---

A certain girl is missing from East Liverpool, Ohio. Description as follows: 5 foot tall, age 26 years, black hair, dark eyes, weight about 110, well built, nice form, short stumpy thumbs, gold front tooth on right side, had a sore on back of right hand, and a sore place on the right arm. Very fair complexion, small foot, 3 1-2 shoe. If this is the girl found let me know, if you have a photo of the girl please forward and will return it.

Yours truly
B. O. Fair,
Beaver Falls, Pa.

Mr. Albright furnished the Mail with a copy of the letter and a message was sent to Mr. Fair in the Chief's name, in the hope of getting further information on the matter. The following is the wire received this afternoon.

Name, Mrs. Jennie Skiles. Last seen January nineteenth. Will be up tomorrow.

B. O. Fair.

As will be seen by the description above, it fits in every particular with the exception of the two sores, one on the back of the hand and the other on the arm. These according to Dr. McKay might have become healed. The question is however could they become healed in this time. A photograph of the women found here has been sent to Mr. Fair, and he will likely receive it this evening.

If it is proved that this is the woman he is searching for he will come at once. It is probable that he will come to Charleroi Sunday, anyhow, as he states in his message.

JURY FINDS DEATH DUE TO SUICIDE

The coroner's jury called to investigate the cause of death of J. H. Huffman, who was found dead in his home in Amwell township last Monday, yesterday returned a verdict that the deceased had come to his death by his own hand.

It was thought that some light would be thrown on the suicide by a note found in the dead man's pocket which read, "George Dawson is responsible for this," but the jury would not connect Mr. Dawson in any way with the deed. Mr. Dawson was on the stand and when shown the note left by Huffman could not explain why the deceased should have written it.

He said that his relation with Mr. Huffman had always been pleasant and in a business sense. He stated that he had not seen Mr. Huffman since January 17, and then only spoke a few words to him. Dawson's testimony did not throw any light on the tragedy.

The coroner's jury was composed of H. H. Long, Louis Heiner, F. McCartney, Eli Ross, I. H. Taylor and L. W. Baumgarner.

Mrs. Harry Nigle has left for Cleveland, Ohio, for a visit with friends.

ATTORNEYS MEET YESTERDAY WITH THE WATER COMPANY

SUNDAY SERVICES AT THE CHURCHES

Baptist.

Sunday school at 9:45 a. m. Morning worship at 11 a. m. Subject, "As For Me and My House we Will Serve the Lord." Evening service 7:30. The pulpit will be filled by Prof. Andrew Crawford of Pittsburg, with a temperance sermon.

Washington Avenue Presbyterian.

Services in the morning at 11 o'clock. Rev. Kerr the pastor will speak on the subject. "A Big Little Man." Sunday school at 9:45. Junior Christian Endeavor at 2:30. Senior Christian Endeavor at 6:30. In the evening at 7:30 o'clock there will be present a representative of the Anti-Saloon league of Pennsylvania, who will give an address.

On Wednesday evening Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Carter, the singing evangelists, who were here last fall will be here for an evangelistic song service.

First Presbyterian

At 11 o'clock Sunday morning Prof. John A. Wilson a representative of the Pennsylvania Anti-Saloon league will be present and speak on the principals of the league. Other services as usual. Tomorrow the offering for the Synodical aid will be brought in.

Episcopal.

8 a. m. celebration of the holy communion. 9:45 a. m. Sunday school and Bible class. 11 a. m. morning prayer, anti-communion service and sermon, subject, "Inequality in the Lap of Life." Evening prayer and sermon at 7:30 p. m. subject, "Spiritual Interest Real and Supreme."

Lutheran

Trust Company building, entrance Fallowfield avenue. Sunday school at 9:45 a. m. Divine worship at 11 o'clock with sermon by the pastor, Rev. Frontz. Junior Luther league at 2 p. m. Luther league at 6:30 p. m., subject, "Mission Work in Guntur, India." Leader, Robert S. Allen. At the evening service at 7:30 p. m. the Rev. Mr. Hutchinson, representative of the Anti-Saloon leauge will preach. A cordial welcome to all.

The closing services of the evangelistic campaign which has been in progress during the past three weeks, at the Christian church will be held tomorrw. The series of meetings now being brought to a close is among the most successful in the churches history. Owing to the failure of the evangelist, Rev. P. O. Updike to be able to conduct the meeting, the work fell to Rev. Boblitt. The able assistance of Mr. Clarence Hunter as leader of song has contributed much to the success of the meetings.

Tomorrow the sermon themes will be morning, "The Church in Action," and evening, "Immortality."

At the Baptist church where Rev. J. A. Cherney of Monessen has been hodling evangelistic services there were six confessions. Rev. Cherney spoke on, "Almost Persuaded," and it was a very interesting sermon.

Mrs. C. B. Kappes has left for Cleveland, Ohio, where she will visit her mother for a short time.

Messrs. McCloskey and Gibson in Pittsburg Yesterday Afternoon for Conference

WILL MEAN SETTLEMENT

Report Will Be Made to Council When Final Action Will Be Taken

Yesterday at the Mellon National bank, Pittsburg, the meeting of the attorneys of the Borough of Charleroi, D. M. McCloskey and Carl Gibson with Mr. Mellon, the president of the Water company and the attorneys, Robert Irwin of Washington, and Mr. Gordon of Pittsburg was held. Supt. Pollock and T. Chester, the chief enigneer were also present. Everything it is stated was practically settled although the Water company kicked at most every turn. The matter will have to be presented to council however, for their agreement before final passing upon.

The meeting convened at 2 o'clock, and continued nearly all afternoon. Every phase of the water question, as has heretofore been published in the Mail was taken up, and thoroughly discussed. There were several things upon the Water company could not entirely agree, but it is thought that differences will be adjusted when the report is made to council.

The compromise, which it is probable will be effected gives Charleroi a filteration plant, the cost of which the company states will be about $100,000. An extention of franchise is granted.

DISTRICT TURN FEST TO BE HELD SUNDAY

The district turn fest of the Pittsburg Turner Society will be held in Monongahela on Sunday next, at which time between 200 and 300 active Turners will be present. At this meeting the various movements to be executed at the national gymnastic festival, to be held in Cincinnati from June 23 to 27 inclusive, will be practised under the various instructors of the different societies of the district.

CADETS TO ATTEND SERVICES AT MONESSEN

Special services will be conducted by the Christian church Sunday evening for the young men. The Charleroi cadets have accepted an invitation from the Monessen Sunday school cadets to attend these services with them. Both companies will attend in uniform. Rev. Norman W. Phillips will preach a sermon suited especially for young men and a fine discourse is looked forward to. Special music has been arranged for. The young men of town are especially invited to attend this service which begins at 7:30 o'clock at the Star theatre.—Monessen Independent.

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Jan. 30 In History.

1775—Walter Savage Landor, English author, born; died 1864.

1880—Gilbert Haven, bishop of the Methodist Episcopal church, died in Malden, Mass.; born there 1821.

1906—Frederick VIII., eldest son of the deceased ruler of Denmark, proclaimed king.

ASTRONOMICAL EVENTS.

Sun sets 5:11, rises 7:07; moon sets 3:28 a. m.; 12 noon today, planets Uranus and Venus in conjunction, Venus only one-third degree north of Uranus; 8 a. m., planet Mercury at perihelion, nearest the sun.

Jan. 31 In History.

1574—Ben Johnson born; died 1637.

1752—Gouverneur Morris, statesman, born; died 1816.

1849—Abolition of the corn laws in England and inauguration of British free trade.

1905—Czar Nicholas granted audience to delegations of Russian workmen and promised reforms in their interests.

ASTRONOMICAL EVENTS.

Sun sets 5:12, rises 7:06; moon sets 4:25 a. m.

GOOD EVENING.

The true purpose of education is to cherish and unfold the seed of immortality already sown within us.—Mrs. Jameson.

Bentley's Trolley Bill.

We are glad that Representative C. A. Bentley of this county is interested in the movement for improvements along the trolley systems, and hope that his efforts are crowned with success. The interurban systems are not what they should be, and the only advantages that we have from them are that they are slightly cheaper for a trip than the railroads are, and the schedule is so arranged that at any hour almost a person can leave on a distant trip. But the equipment is lacking in Pennsylvania in some places and the legislature should put a bill through that will make this state in this one matter at least an equal of our next door neighbor. One of the things which the interurban systems should have is the toilet compartment. This is one of the late additions of many lines, and the companies profit thereby. In Ohio, and Indiana they have interurban service that is in the most approved style. There the system is considerably superior to the local and the people appreciate their advantages accordingly. The cars have both ladies' and gentlemen's compartments, the latter for smoking, and have toilet rooms. The service is as quick if not quicker than the train, the large cars being pulled at a high rate of speed.

It is to be hoped that the bill prepared by Mr. Bentley is put through. [illegible] tion, and that is one of the things that we are after at the present time. Another important matter in this bill is that of the terminal stations.

Electric Sparks

Next week the ground hog will emerge from his hole and proclaim to the world just what is going to happen in the way of weather for the following six weeks. It is the first harbinger of spring and is eagerly looked for.—Ex. Yes but how do we know he has ever been in his hole.

Fayette county jail officials are in a nasty mess if charges brought against them are true. if they are innocent they should prove the allegations false and push the "allegator."

The man at Brownsville who got his feet burnt badly by sleeping with his tootsies in the fire, evidently wanted to guard against contracting cold feet.

Repesentative Bentley's bill to have better service on the various trolley roads in the state of Pennsylvani is worthy of passage. After all of the Washington, Pa., newspaper talk, we find that there is one in the State body who is there for our best

There is one day in the year that florists prepare especially for, and that is McKinley Day. The carnations worn yesterday is ample evidence of the fact that there are lots of admirers of the martyred president.

Man has trunk full of love letters—News Items. Yes but that's no sensation; wait until they're read.

The inimical operatic and newspaper gangs in New York that are seeking notoriety through tri-weekly slugging exhibitions in public places should be sent to some convenient workhouse and forced to pound each other in private until all are as sick of it as the public row is.

Tools to get the American battleship through the Suez Canal are stated to have been $180,000. That looks high; but when the Japanese fleet starts to capture all our Atlantic Coast cities we will not let it through the Panama Canal for a cent less.

Jeff Davis of Arkansas foresees civil war and a revolution in 10 years unless the trusts and corporations are forced to be good. At any rate, that is a little change from the Hobson war scare.

On January 1 there were in the United States 20,640,000 horses valued at $1,974,000,000. Who said the automobile was going to shove the horse off the earth?

The city clerk of Buffalo has refused to give a woman a license to wed until she tells how old she is. And her name is Ann!

Remember, however, that Mr. Carnegie, in his generosity, does not require that his name shall appear in light letters on every volume in each of those libraries.

George Ade appproves of Berlin. This will make the Kaiser feel better.

Maybe I Was.

When I see a youth with his pan's turned up and his beautiful socks on view,
And over one eye perched a little, round hat, with a ribbon of mauve or blue,
And with fourteen rings and seven pins that he got at his dear prep school.
Why, it strikes a chord, and I say: "Oh, Lord, was I ever that big a fool?"

When I see a youth with has gloves turned down and a cigarette stuck in his face,
And a loud check coat and a horsecloth vest and a half an inch wide shoe lace,
And a bunch of hair that hides his ears, and a line of senseless droll,
Then I paw the sward, as I say: "Oh, Lord was I ever that big a fcol?"

—The Daily Princeton.

Comedy of Errors.

A certain man from near Webster came to Donora and had some dental work done by one of our local dentists. Some time afterward the wife came to Donora apparently not knowing who did the work for she went in to another dentist and said, "My husband owes you two dollars." The dentist in question said he didn't exactly know how it was, but was not going to pass up two bones for anyone. He gave a receipt.

At still a later date the man who had the dental work done, noticing that the receipt was not from his dentist, come over to Donora and demanded the two dollars from still another dentist who was ignorant of the whole affair. He said he wanted his money but this dentist informed him he must surely be crazy for he owed him no money. What's the answer, or how would you like to have two dollars of your money doing the "loop the loop?"—News.

ASPHYXIATION FROM AN UNKNOWN MANNER THE RESULT OF CORONER'S INVESTIGATION

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that effect. He said that a person does not inhale water always when drowned. When asked if chloroform might not cause the same effect, Dr. McKay answered that the conditions would be practically the same, but went on to say that it was most likely that if chloroform had been administered, there would have been some marks about the mouth. The blow which had evidently been received on the eye, he said, would have been sufficient to cause the woman to be stunned.

Nicholas Yost, the street car conductor on the car which left Monongahela [illegible] o'clock, was called to the stand. He said that the woman had got on the car at Second street Monongahela, and that an escort put her on. He didn't get to see anything but the latter's arm. The woman left the car at Fifth street, Charleroi. He thought that she was intoxicated but did not pay much attention to her. There was no one with her, and he did not see anyone speaking to her. He noticed the two men and Louis Brusa, and said that he had to caution the two men about drinking in the car. In his testimony he established no associations between these men and the woman. She had a white handkerchief, but he did not notice any jewelry or pocketbook.

Miss Katherine Collins of Speers, who lives with her mother near the bridge stated that she with her brother went home on the 12:45 car Saturday night and noticed as she was walking from the car to her home, two men and a woman on the bridge. She was going to bed when she heard a scream of a woman evidently in "pain and fear," followed by a muffled scream shortly after. She said little attention was paid to it on account of the usual Saturday night noises of the bridge.

Miss Collins' mother practically corroborated the statement of her daughter but said that before her daughter came home she heard talking and walking on the bridge.

Chief of Police Albright of Charleroi stated that he had examined the scene of where the body was found with the two men who found it, but could learn nothing. He said that he had watched both Mr. Speakman and Mr. Gilmore, and was positive from their actions that they knew nothing more than what they had told heretofore.

Phillip Boiler, who is in charge of the Belle Vernon detachment of State Police was called, but added nothing to the testimony given before. He said that he had made examinations but had learned very little of the case as yet.

Coroner Heffran reviewed very briefly the evidence to the jury, after which they adjourned to reach a decision. It took them about a half an hour. Investigations will be continued to if possible learn the manner in which the woman came to her death, and if murdered locate the guilty one. Many hold to the opinion that it was suicide.

Thomas Lynch of Monongahela was a caller at the home of Miss Berringer of Eighth street last night.

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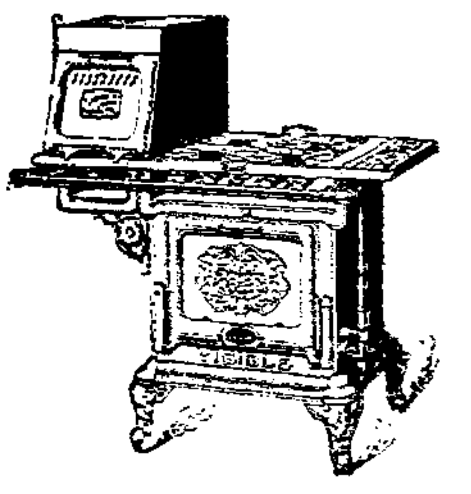

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SIRES AND SONS.

George H. Williams is the sole surviving member of President Grant's cabinet. He is eighty-five years old.

Edward Peters, said to be the oldest policeman in the United States, is on duty in Sioux park, Iowa, at the age of ninety-four.

Thomas Clifford, doorman at the Hotel Plaza, New York, has just bought $12,000 in bonds of the hotel that employs him, the investment representing his tips.

General Thomas H. Hubbard, the newly elected president of the Peary Arctic club, New York, has long been an active figure in arctic exploration. He takes the place of the late Morris K. Jesup.

Lord Redesdale is a landscape gardener of great taste, as his beautiful gardens at Batsford, in Gloucestershire, prove, and he has several times advised King Edward when alterations to the gardens at Buckingham palace and Windsor have been made.

Rear Admiral Evans is an expert with knitting and crochet needles, and his embroidery is said to be as wonderful and varied as is his vocabulary. Some of his most intimate friends have been favored with gifts, the product of his skill at embroidery, which they naturally treasure very highly.

George Barry McMillan, a graduate of the University of South Africa and of the Elsenberg Agricultural college, will enter the University of California with the freshmen class next fall as the first representative to the United States from Cape Colony. He is being sent by the Cape government to study agriculture.

Things Theatrical.

Billie Burke will end her American season by next Easter.

[illegible] is to have a new play, by Alfred Sutro.

It is said that Marie Dressler, as her own manager, is to produce a new musical play in London in the fall.

Harry Connor is to be the principal comedian in "The Girl of Wall Street," of which Blanche Ring is to be the star.

De Wolf Hopper will appear next season in a new musical comedy called "What Happened Then," by Austin [illegible]

Church and Clergy.

A number of Americans will attend the continental Baptist congress at Berlin Aug. 27 to Sept. 8.

The Indiana bureau of statistics has found 6,239 houses of worship in that state, the value of church property being $24,028,001.

Archbishop Langevin, the head of the Catholic church of western Canada, who is seriously ill with diabetes, has gone to France to consult a specialist.

Ten years ago Canon Allen-Edwards in south London started at All Saints' a 5:30 a. m. service for workingmen, it lasting but twenty minutes, and the church is filled almost every morning.

Bishop Riley of Western Australia says that during his first trip into the interior of that country, which lasted a month, he never washed his face because there was no water for that purpose and often none for drinking.

Industrial Items.

In the manufacture of cotton goods Germany holds third place, being exceeded only by Great Britain and the United States.

Out of a total of 307,157 workers in clothing factories in Great Britain 197,320 are women, the female tailors numbering 46,072 to 13,984 men.

New England pulp mill interests, in conjunction with western railways, are taking steps for the establishment of factories in the southwest for the manufacture of pulp for paper from rice straw.

Amherst, N. S., is supplied with electric power and light generated from the waste products of a coal mine. This is in accordance with Mr. Edison's prophecy that the future site of electric generation would be at the pit's mouth.

Mexican Rapid Transit.

The quaintest mode of travel I saw in all Mexico was that adopted by a woman who was on her way to the doctor, seated complacently in a chair borne on the back of a man. Some Mexican women are afraid even of the mule cars, while they look upon the rapidly spinning trolley with such trembling of knees they cannot be persuaded to put foot upon it. Unable to [illegible]

A MODERN MACAULAY.

Wonderful Memory of an [illegible] Missouri Lawyer.

One of the most picturesque of t early lawyers of Missouri was Bi Campbell, who came from Virginia 1829 and opened an office in Charles. He was a man of great al ity, a classic scholar, an orator and political writer of unusual power. B he was indolent, careless about colle ing and spending money and so li that physical exertion of any kind w positively painful to him. He had most remarkable memory, as prov by the following incident: Campb who was a Whig, represented his d trict in the state senate several yea On one occasion he was lying on bench in the senate chamber, appare ly sleeping, when the Democratic me bers came in to hold a caucus. They tempted to arouse him, but he peared so soundly asleep that they cided to let him alone. The next da complete report of the proceedings the caucus, including a verbatim co of the resolutions adopted, was p lished in the St. Louis Republican. row followed, and the secretary w charged with having been bribed to port the proceedings of the cauc After the excitement died down so what Campbell admitted that he been awake all the time and that had done the reportorial work entir from memory.—Kansas City Star.

A MUFF BED.

Surprise of a Man Who Thought Had to Do With Sleep.

A man who saw on a sign the wo "muff beds" and imagined that a m bed must be something to sleep in brother or cousin or other more less distant relative of the sleep bag, such as explorers carry w them, found upon inquiry that his agination had carried him very from the truth: that the muff bed in fact not a bed at all, but is trade name for the inner part o muff, the body of the muff—in sh the part you put your hands in.

The muff bed consists of a dou walled bag made in cylindrical or er shape, according to the style muff, and then stuffed with down, quality and quantity of the down pending on the character of the mu

The making of muff beds is a b ness by itself. Some of them are to the furriers in the simplest fo just the bed or bag stuffed with do the furrier putting in the silk or s lining when he puts on the fur. O ers are made with the silk or satin ner lining attached, to be finished when the fur is put on. There i least one concern in New York makes a specialty of muff beds turns out many thousands of them nually.—New York Sun.

Wanted a Rebate.

In a rural community in one of middle states dwelt a man who n a vow in 1856 that he would wear hair and beard untrimmed until C. Fremont should be elected presi of the United States. He kept vow for forty years, at the en which time he had nearly a half bu of hair on his head and face. T coming to the conclusion, toward w his mind had been gradually wor for a long time, that General Frem death in the interval had practi absolved him from his vow, he dec to have his hair cut and his be shaved off clean. On his next vis the county seat he went to a ba shop and was soon relieved of the sute burden he had carried for decades.

"How much?" he asked.

"Have to charge you half a do for that job," said the barber, loo at the mass that lay on the floor.

"Half a dollar!" he gasped. "Do get anything for the hair?"

The Actor and the Critic.

One of the near comedians who ways affect to be entirely careles newspaper criticism recently st from his list of bowing acquainta a critic noted for his candor. player met the writer and a fr while crossing a park square and changed a few words of greeting as he passed on heard this conve tion:

"Who was that?"

"Oh, that is L., the actor!"

"He does not look much like an a off the stage."

"Still less when he's on the sta returned the critic.—Argonaut.

On New England Tombstones.

There were several epitaphs w fascinated you for awhile, epitaphs that of "Solon Tyndall, Killed b Fall from the Main topsail Yard of Bark Amazon, in the Harbor of B nos Aires on March 12, 1850:

"He as a seaman did his duty well,
But his foot slipped, and from aloft fell—
Fell, but to rise and climb the shrouds high
And greet his Master with a glad ' aye!' "

Or that which recorded the fate "Absalom Peters, Shot in the Creek the Explosion of his own Gun."— ller's Weekly.

A Scramble.

"All the world's a stage."

"What of it?"

"I was just thinking that the cas so large that nobody gets much o chance at the spot light."—Philadelp Bulletin.

His Weak Point.

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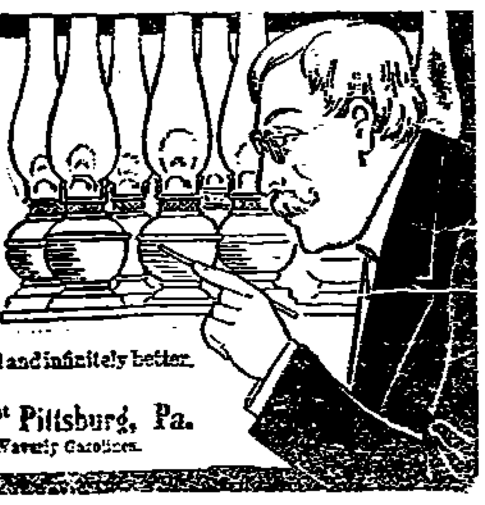

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Makes the Twenty-Second.

Yesterday there was born to Mr. and Mrs. John Kramer of Monessen a daughter. This is the 22nd child, 19 of whom are living.

He Had It.

He is a kindly and ambitious clerk in a shop, eager to please, but with limitations. He has a memory for the wants of his customers which to that extent is excellent, but it has small regard for minor details whose accuracy does not affect business, and his customers are tolerant.

Some time ago when the talk of denatured alcohol was considerable a customer asked him for some, but he said that the proprietor had not yet placed any in stock. When the same customer was in the store on another errand he beamingly exclaimed:

"Oh, Mrs. Blank! we've got some of that good natured alcohol now if you want it."

Evolution of the Squaw.

The fair visitor stopped in front of Chief Umbrella's tent.

"And are you a real Indian?" ventured the visitor, timidly.

"Um, yes," grunted Chief Umbrella, as he puffed his long pipe.

"Well—er—is it true that the red man makes the squaw do all the work?"

"Um, no. Used to, lady. Now squaw come from college, wear feathers instead of husband and make husband do all work and mind papoose. Education bad thing for poor red man, lady."

Start a New Paper.

"I have often wondered," said the Idiot to the Publisher, "why you fellows have never started a magazine called Rumor. It would be a corking success."

"I fail to see why," returned the Publisher.

"Because Rumor circulates rapidly and extensively," said the Idiot.

"And what would you have in it?" asked the Publisher.

"That's just the point," said the Idiot. "You needn't have anything in it. The less there is in a Rumor the greater will be its circulation."—John Kendrick Bangs, in Broadway Magazine.

Stomach Self-Protecting.

The reason why the stomach and intestines do not digest themselves was once thought by Weinland, a German experimenter, to be that they defend themselves by anti-enzymes, or anti-ferments. Dr. Nandor Klug of Budapest now reports these anti-ferments not to be found, but that the mucin present in the inner half of the gastric mucous membrane resists the digestive action of the trypsin and the gastric juice. The digestive organs, therefore, protect themselves by the mucin they secrete.

A Matter for Reflection.

"The editor of my paper," declared the newspaper business manager, to a little coterie of friends in his office, "is a peculiar genius. Why, would you believe it, when he draws his weekly salary he keeps out only one dollar for spending money and sends the rest to his wife in Indianapolis!"

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"I know it sounds thin," added the speaker, addressing the reflective friend; "but it is true, nevertheless."

"Oh, I don't doubt it at all!" quickly rejoined the exception; "only I was wondering what he does with the dollar!"—Illustrated Sunday Magazine.

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